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In re application of: Jose Duez, Vincent Bedhome, and Philippe Chavatte

Entitled: **A NIB AND METHODS OF TREATING AN ELONGATE ELEMENT DESIGNED TO FORM SUCH A NIB**

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

- This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$770.00) per §1.17(e).
 Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on October 17, 2003, per §1.116.
- A Petition for Extension of Time for 3 month is hereby made under §1.136(a); authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$ 530.00) per §1.17. (\$420.00 previously authorized.)
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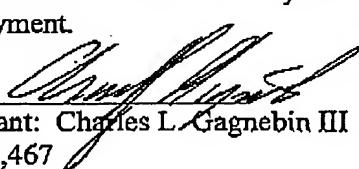
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